



2006 ARMED FORCES MEN'S RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. **COMPETITION RULES:** Current United States of America Rugby Football Union Rules (USA Rugby), as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Committee (AFSC).
2. **TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** Single round robin, followed by consolation and championship matches.
3. **DRAW:** As determined by AFSC (Game schedule in paragraph 7 is based on draw conducted at the **previous year's** Armed Forces Championship): USN (1); USA (2); USAF (3); USMC (4); and USCG (5).
4. **SCORING:** IAW current USA Rugby Rules.
5. **DURATION OF MATCHES AND TIE-BREAKER POLICY:**
 - a. **Round Robin Matches:** Played in 30-minute halves with a 10 minute halftime break.
 - b. **Tie Breaker following Round-Robin Play:** Head-to-head record of teams involved; points for and against all teams; total converted tries.
 - c. **Consolation and Championship Matches:** Played in 40-minute halves, with a 10 minute halftime break.
 - d. **Tie Breaker for Consolation and Championship Matches:** Play two 10 minute overtime periods, if not decided use head-to-head competition between teams. If still tied use points for and against all teams. If no decision use converted total converted tries. Last, use a coin toss to determine winner.
 - e. **Drawn Matches:** Drawn matches shall be declared a tie (except consolation and championship matches). Ten minute overtime periods shall be added to these matches until they are decided. A three-minute interval shall be scheduled between each extended period.
6. **GAME BALL AND EQUIPMENT:** IAW current USA Rugby Rules. Ball must adhere to current USA Rugby Rules. Ball to be used is to be publicized by the host service 60 days prior to the Armed Forces Championship. All footwear (boots), including those with alloy safety studs, must be in compliance with current USA Rugby Rules.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Monday Teams Arrive

Tuesday Team Photos
Opening Ceremony Rehearsal
Team Practice Sessions
Organizational Meeting

Informal Ice-Breaker -Team members must attend the event in their service polo shirt with slacks (color determined by Service), and appropriate foot wear (no sneakers and sandals). Male personnel cannot wear earrings.

Wednesday 0800-0830 Opening Ceremony (Optional)
0900 Match 1 USN vs. USA
1030 Match 2 USAF vs. USMC
1200 Match 3 USN vs. USCG
1400 Match 4 USA vs. USAF
1530 Match 5 USMC vs. USCG

Thursday 0900 Match 6 USN vs. USMC
1030 Match 7 USA vs. USCG
1200 Match 8 USAF vs. USN
1400 Match 9 USA vs. USMC
1530 Match 10 USAF vs. USCG

Friday 1100 Match 11 Consolation Match
1300 Match 12 Championship Match

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final match) Service teams are required to wear like-Service issued team apparel or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to the Armed Forces team.

Saturday Teams Depart

8. TEAM STANDINGS: Based on tournament win-loss record or tie breaker procedures.

9. AWARDS:

a. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the team trainer and Team Captain) receive individual awards.

b. Team: No team trophy is presented.

c. All Stars: An “All Star” team is selected of the best 15 best players by position of the tournament. This team is announced prior to the announcement of the 12 players selected to advance to higher-level competition. The Host Project Officer will select and purchase a special “All Star” memento to present to each member of the “All Star” team.

10. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Roster not to exceed 29 individuals

25 Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer

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Only participants on the Official Service Roster can be on the Sidelines.

Note: If a player is ejected, that player is ineligible for the remaining matches of the championship and the overall roster is reduced by one. This player is now a non-participant, and cannot be on the sidelines, and will not be considered for the All Star Team.

11. FORMS AND ROSTERS: All participants at this level must sign a code of conduct letter prior to the organizational meeting.